

**FOOD SAFETY AND  
INSPECTION SERVICE**

**1999 NATIONAL  
RESIDUE PROGRAM**

## **PREFACE**

Welcome to the 1999 "Blue Book." This book presents the 1999 Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) National Residue Program (NRP). [For those reading this electronically, this document has been commonly known as the "Blue Book" because the covers of the printed versions are blue.]

This text presents a comprehensive explanation of the process used to plan the NRP for 1999. Recently, the NRP was modified to move towards a system of residue evaluation more consistent with modern risk assessment principles. The methodologies employed in the planning of the 1999 NRP, as described in this document, reflect these changes. Following the explanation of the planning process, this text provides a detailed description of the completed Domestic Monitoring Plan and Special Projects and Import Residue Plan for the 1999 FSIS NRP.

In addition to a description of the annual NRP, the Blue Book has traditionally included two very useful tables: a list of all established tolerances and action levels for drugs, pesticides and environmental contaminants in food animal tissues, and a list of all FSIS Official Methods for these compounds. Because of their continued utility, these tables have been updated and appear as the last two sections of this document.

The staff of the Emerging Issues Branch, Chemistry and Toxicology Division, Office of Public Health and Science, FSIS, hope that you will find this *1999 National Residue Program* to be every bit as useful and informative as it has been in past years. We would like to thank all of our predecessors for providing us with tables and information that they developed and that we continue to use.

## **CONTACTS AND COMMENTS**

Two interagency committees, the Surveillance Advisory Team and the Residue Prioritization Committee, developed the 1999 FSIS NRP. The Emerging Issues Branch, Chemistry and Toxicology Division, Office of Public Health and Science, FSIS, USDA, coordinated this effort and is responsible for the publication of this material. Questions about the FSIS NRP should be directed to the USDA-FSIS Chemistry and Toxicology Division, 6912 Franklin Court Suite, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-3700, phone (202) 501-7319, fax (202) 501-7639.

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